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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1,15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Amended portion of the claim stating "wherein the mapping is used to map and convert files from the host file system to the local file system to support remote editing of files in the host file system from the local file system" has not been supported by the specification.

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1,15 recites the limitation "Convert files from the host file system to the local file system " in claims 1,15. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stedman et al (U.S. 6,081,837), Imai et al (U.S. 6,148,334) and Harvey et al (U.S. 6,519,568).

As per claims 1,15 Stedman disclosed a method providing information describing a file system connection between a local system and host system, said method comprising: encoding the information in meta language format comprising one or more tags, each having an identifier and a set of one or more attributes (col. 19, lines 53-67 & col. 20, lines 1-25),

However Stedman failed to disclose wherein the encoded information forms a file system connection descriptor; said file system connection descriptor comprising: a local system data structure comprising at least one tag representing the local file system; a host system data structure comprising at least one tag representing the host file system, and a mapping data structure comprising at least one tag representing a mapping between the local file system and the host file system. and parsing the file system connection descriptor according to the meta language tags

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In the same field of endeavor Stedman disclosed the file requesting client includes a connection unit for setting up a connection with the file server, a file requesting unit for requesting a file to the file server, a file receiving unit for receiving a file requested from the file request unit, a file storing unit for storing a file received by the file receiving unit into a storage medium, a file display unit (col. 7, lines 3-20). First the user or program request the transfer and display of the file by issuing the file transfer request. For this purpose it suffices to use the URL as described above which is an identifier for uniquely identifying the file (col. 24, lines 8-44). In a currently preferred architecture, the client computer is linked to the server computer by the Internet, or a local area network, the server computer is linked to the host computer by an SNA network, and the host computer sends data to the server computer in a PS data stream. The server computer receives data from the host computer that represents a host computer display screen having function key capable fields and an associated partial list of items (col. 2, lines 55-63).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention it was made to have incorporated wherein the encoded information comprises a file system connection descriptor; and parsing the project topology descriptor according to the meta language tags as taught by Imai in the method of Stedman to reduce the latency by transferring multiple files immediately in response to a client's request while making connection to the network. Also by specifying the needed file for later while making connection to the network will result in increase productivity and reducing cost.

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However Stedman-Imai did not disclosed, “wherein the mapping is used to map and convert files from the host file system to the local file system to support remote editing of files in the host file system from the local file system”.

In the same field of endeavor Harvey disclosed, “The converter application server provides digital data conversion including mapping between various file formats (DLIS, LIS, LAS, TIFF, and the like) and data filtering (reducing the number of data channels is in a file to customer’s specifications). The drop box application server manages the publications of files to the drop box web server, which is accessed by customers to retrieve data over the Internet (col. 19, lines 21-27).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at time of the invention was made to have incorporated,” The converter application server provides digital data conversion including mapping between various file formats (DLIS, LIS, LAS, TIFF, and the like) and data filtering (reducing the number of data channels is in a file to customer’s specifications). The drop box application server manages the publications of files to the drop box web server, which is accessed by customers to retrieve data over the Internet as taught by Harvey in the method and system of Stedman-Imai to reduce the latency by transferring multiple files immediately in response to a client’s request while making connection to the network. Also by specifying the needed file for later while making connection to the network will result in increase productivity and reducing cost.

7. As per claims 2,9 Stedman-Imai-Harvey disclosed a data structure embodied in a computer-readable storage medium, said data structure representing information describing a file system connection between a local file system located on a local system and a host file system located on a host system (Stedman, col. 3, lines 38-49), wherein said data structure comprises a file system connection descriptor comprising: a local system data structure representing the local file system (Imai, col. 7, lines 4-23); a host system data structure representing the host file system; and a mapping data structure representing a mapping between the local file system and the host file system (Imai, col. 8, lines 11-23).

8. As per claims 3,16 Stedman-Imai-Harvey wherein the mapping data structure comprises: a local file extension data structure storing a local file extension; a host file pattern data structure storing a pattern describing a host file to which the file extension will be applied (Imai, col. 22, lines 16-53); and a transfer type data structure storing a transfer type that defines how data will be transferred between the host system and the local system for this mapping (Imai, col. 28, lines 38-65).

9. As per claim 4 Stedman-Imai-Harvey disclosed wherein the mapping data structure further comprises: a host code page data structure storing an identification of a host code page in which data in the host file is encoded; and a local-code page data structure storing an

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identification of a local code page in which data in a local file is encoded (Imai, col. 27, lines 23-53).

10. As per claims 5,11,18 Stedman-Imai-Harvey wherein the host system data structure comprises: a data structure storing an identification of the host system; a data structure storing an identification of a user of the host system (Imai, col. 22, lines 17-53); a data structure storing an identification of a preferred drive on the local system (Imai, col. 7, lines 45-57); and a data structure storing an indication that the preferred drive be automatically connected by default when a remote connection is established with the host system(Stedman, col. 19, lines 5-40).

11. As per claims 6,12,19 Stedman-Imai-Harvey disclosed wherein the host system data structure further comprises data storing an identification of a list of qualifier data structures, wherein each qualifier data structure stores a qualifier name, a name identifying directory on the host system (Imai, col. 7, lines 43-57), and an identification of the file attributes of a file located in the host system directory (Imai, col. 8, lines 40-64).

12. As per claims 7,13,20 Stedman-Imai-Harvey disclosed the file system connection descriptor encoded in a tagged meta language document comprising one or more tags, each tag having an identifier and a set of one or more attributes (Imai, col. 15, lines 40-57).

13. As per claims 8,14,21 Stedman-Imai-Harvey disclosed wherein the tagged meta language is Extensible Markup Language (XML) (Stedman, col. 19, lines 53-67).

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14. As per claims 10,17 Stedman-Imai-Harvey disclosed wherein the mapping data structure further comprises a host codepage data structure storing an identification of a host codepage in which data in the host file is encoded; and a local-codepage data structure storing an identification of a local codepage in which data in a local file is encoded (Imai, col. 4, lines 29-42).

Applicant arguments are as follows:

15. Applicant argued that prior art did not disclose in a network connection used for transferring a list of files wherein the network connection used for transferring a list of files wherein the network connection associated with a session ID identifying the network connection.

As to applicant's argument Imai disclosed after connection processing, between the file server and the file requesting client is completed, the file requesting client is now connected with the file server by the HTTP, and menu which is a list of files that can be provided by the file server is requested by a menu request. In response to the menu request, the file server transmits a menu to the file requesting client by a menu transmission. Here, the menu is given as home pages available at the file server or pages that can be reached by tracking links from those home pages (col. 8, lines 40-49).

16. Applicant argued that prior art did not disclose the file system connection descriptor.

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As to applicant's argument Imai disclosed when user select the desired file from the menu, and a file list request for the selected file is sent to the file server. At the file server, when the file list request from the file requesting client is received, the file list corresponding to the selected file is sent to the file requesting client by a file list transmission (col. 8, lines 49-54). One ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention can interpret the "file system connection descriptor" as to file list that has the list of file ID's and its description.

17. Applicant argued that prior art did not disclose a mapping data structure representing a mapping between the local file system and the host file system.

As to applicants argument Imai disclosed for a case in which the multiple files transfer request unit for transferring for only those files which match with the transfer condition is provided in the file requesting client in advance, but this operation procedure is for a case in which the multiple files transfer request unit is not provided in the file requesting client from the beginning and its program is to be transferred from the file server to the file requesting client (col. 27, lines 23-41). One ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention knows that mapping the in a file system is the same as matching or comparing the in the file system.

18. Applicant argued that prior art did not disclose a host file pattern data structure storing a pattern describing a host file to which the local file extension will be applied.

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As to applicants argument Stedman disclosed the host extension retrieves field text, from a PS data stream transmitted from the host computer, preferably host extension retrieves the filed text by querying the display control and saving a local copy of the text (col. 9, lines 19-24).

Conclusion

19. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

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20. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571)-272-3933. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

21. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at (866)-217-9197 (toll-free).

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